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## ASPIRA, INC OF NEW JERSEY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

FEBRUARY 15, 1993

### A G E N D A

- ✓ I. Call to Order
- ✓ VII. Chairperson's Report
- ✓ III. Executive Director's Report
- ✓ IV. Old Business
  - V. New Business
- VI. Adjournment

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### MINUTES

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ASPIRA, Inc. of New Jersey  
Board Room

**Present:** Margaret Rosario-Rivera, Chairperson,  
Presiding  
Carlos Alma, Dennis Alvarado, Gene  
Calderon, Samuel Delgado, Nancy  
Alejandro Dillard, Walter Oliveras, Luis  
Santiago, Delia Sosa, Noemi Velazquez,  
Alberto Torres

**Absent:** Lydia Santos, George Santiago  
Elvin Crespo (called to indicate that he  
will be resigning his position with the  
Board due to a job change).

**Staff:** Fernando Fuentes, Angela Corbo, Roberto Del  
Rios, Carmen Nazario, Carmen Sanchez

#### I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:20  
p.m.

#### II. Waiver of Notice

All board members indicated that they were  
all duly notified of the meeting.

#### III. Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director's Report was divided  
into 4 sections:

- Development
- Programs
- Fiscal
- Special Events

Angela Corbo, Director of Development, gave the attached Office of Development Report.

Roberto Del Rios, Deputy Director, shared with the Board statistical information on the programs throughout our ASPIRA centers. See attached report.

There was some discussion as to whether ASPIRA should consider switching schools in Jersey City. Presently, ASPIRA services

Ferris High School, however, only 33% of the caseload is Puerto Rican. A needs assessment should be conducted to determine if either Dickinson High School or Lincoln High School in Jersey City has larger Puerto Rican populations.

The fiscal report was made by Carmen Sanchez, Fiscal Officer. Ms. Sanchez presented prepared statements in response to the audit findings conducted by Sol Masch. Attached is the Fiscal Officer's report.

Carmen Nazario, Office Administrator, provided the Special Events report. Ms. Nazario discussed the upcoming Annual Luncheon scheduled for March 3, 1993 at the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark. She indicated that 85 tickets were sold. Staff will be calling previous supporters of the luncheon. Ms. Nazario also informed the board that the ad journal was almost complete and would be forwarded to the printer by February 19. Attached is the Special Events Report.

Fernando Fuentes, Executive Director, thanked the staff for their reports. He also informed the board that he has a meeting scheduled with Newark representatives regarding ASPIRA's application for a Community Development Block Grant. It was mentioned that ASPIRA should contact Carmen Mosca in reference to soliciting the Mayor's Hispanic Task Force support for the proposal.

Mr. Fuentes further informed the Board that the Star Ledger is very interested in doing an article on ASPIRA. Additionally, Gateway Cable has agreed to air four shows about ASPIRA. The recording dates are set for March 16 and April 27.

#### IV. Approval of minutes

Walter Oliveras moved for approval of the minutes of the January 18, 1993 board meeting. Carlos Alma seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

The chairperson clarified the board meeting attendance policy. We do not encourage absences, however, there may be extenuating circumstances in which a board member may be absent. He/she is allowed up to three absences after which the board member is asked to resign.

#### V. Chairperson's Report

Ms. Rosario-Rivera reported on the National Board Retreat. Board development was among the items discussed at the retreat. The National Board discussed the size of the board, developing specific expertise

and student representation. A decision was made to increase the board's size by adding four at-large positions.

Student representation was discussed with respect to age. The student representatives on the Puerto Rican Associates board must be 21 years old or older, causing some concerns for the Association. More often than not ASPIRA of Puerto Rico's Board does not include student representation. ASPIRA of New York was again asked to sign the Legal Protection Agreement at the retreat. They did not agree to sign because there is no clause that would allow the New York Associate to secede from the Association and keep the ASPIRA Name. They contend that since they were the founding Associate they should have certain rights and privileges.

#### VI. Old Business

Board member applications will be presented at the next board meeting. Nancy Alejandro Dillard has agreed to sit on the Board Selection Committee.

A reception honoring Hilda Hildago and her appointment to the State Department of Higher Education as Assistant Commissioner is being planned. ASPIRA is a co-sponsor of this activity.

#### TASK FORCE REPORT

A reception honoring Myrna Milan is being held on March 10, 1993 at Los Parodes, Elizabeth, NJ from 6 - 9 pm. sponsored by The Puerto Rican Society of Elizabeth. Ms. Milan, an ASPIRANTE, is the first Latina Business Manager in Elizabeth. A reception for Orlando Erdiera, the first Latino councilman in Elizabeth, is being held. Carlos Alma made a motion to present a resolution to Mr. Erdiera from ASPIRA. L. Santiago seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Attached

is a copy of the resolution.

The Task Force informed the board that Milagros Collazo has been appointed the new Essex County Liaison. A letter of congratulation will be forwarded to her.

Walter Oliveras informed the board that Fernando Fuentes will be allowed to attend the Mayor of the City of Newark's Hispanic Task Force meetings.

Mr. Fuentes told the board that he will be meeting with Gary Harris, City of Newark Councilmember-at-Large and the next President of the City Council, on April 28, 1993.

#### National Labor Relations Board

The board agreed to continue to retain the services of the law firm of Grotta, Glassman and Hoffman to represent ASPIRA on the matter of the current charges of unfair labor practices. The chairperson reported to the board that the Amalgamated Manufacturing Clothing and Textiles Union has withdrawn their initial unfair labor practice suit but has submitted a new one alleging that one of our Program Directors terminated an employee after the employee refused to falsify records.

#### ASPIRA Student Advisory Board

Alberto Torres reported on local county initiatives. He also informed the board that a few schools are encountering problems. The chairperson thanked Mr. Torres for bringing this to the board's attention and informed him that these matters should be processed through staff for resolution.

#### VI. New Business

Fernando Fuentes again informed the board about Gateway Cable. Luis Santiago moved to have Gateway Cable tape television programs about ASPIRA. Walter Oliveras seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### VII. Adjournment

Walter Oliveras moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dennis Alvarado. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

NOTE:

All Committees must be prepared to submit at the April Board meeting statistics of their work. If committees have not met please make sure you do prior to the April 19th Board meeting.